A True ACCOUNT of a PLOT Lately discovered in IRELAND, For Fireing the City of DUBLIN, AND Putting all the *PROTESTANTS* to the SWORD.

In a Letter to a Friend.

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DUBLIN, Decemb. 2. 1690.

SIR,

ALL our Discourse here is, concerning a Plot, which was discovered by some Letters which was found in a Gentlewomans quilted Petticoat, who was travelling in Company with a small Convoy of Provision that was designed for the Enemy, and being pursued by some of our Forces, she dropt the said Petticoat, and a Letter (some say Letters) was found, importing, That our Army was now gone into Winter-quarters; That there was a by-way by which a flying Party of Horse might come on a sudden and attack this City; and that in the interim their Associates in and about the City, would not be wanting to assist them, the one by setting fire to the several parts thereof, and the other by joyning them at their approach to Massacre the *Protestants*.

Upon

Upon which Discovery, on *Sunday* night the Militia of this City, upon private notice, repaired to their Colours without beat of Drum, till such time as the *Irish* were in Bed; and having divided themselves into divers parties, received Orders to go through their several Precincts, and search for, and seize all the *Irish* they can find, as also all *Protestants* that were married to the *Irish*; which they performed accordingly, letting none escape, but such as were either sick or gave suck, and were all committed Prisoners to the four Courts, and yesterday the Women and Children were discharged, but 'tis not yet known what will be done with the others.

'Tis certain, That Collonel *Sarsfield* has passed the *Shannon* with a considerable body, but 'tis not known as yet with what design, though some conjecture, That 'tis for want of Subsistence at home; but it is hoped Lieutenant-General *Douglas*, who is upon his march from his Winter-quarters in the North, with the *Inniskilling* and *Derry* men, to the number of 6000. which 'tis not doubted but will soon put a stop to his progress. General *Ginkle* is also marching on the other hand towards the Enemy; and 'tis said, that 4 Troops of this County Militia, and 3 Companies of Foot, are also to march hence towards the Frontiers to joyn them; and 'tis hoped *Sarsfield* and his party will be surrounded on all hands, if he do not suddenly repass the *Shannon*.

A Lieutenant is arrived at *Ardmagh*, who deserted the Enemy, and says, That *Sarsfield* with 300 Horse and 2000 Foot, has a design upon that place; upon which, they are providing all things to give him a warm reception.

Ditto, Decemb. 4th. We hear from *Cork*, of the 29th. *ultimo*, that 400 Raperees well Arm'd, were gather'd together in the Hundred of West *Corbury* in the County of *Cork*, and on the 17th. *ultimo*, Surrounded Collonel *Townsends* Two Sons, with about 30 Protestants more, who behaved themselves so well that they put the Raparees to flight, killing 8 of their principal Officers with about 20 other, and pursuing the rest, took some prisoners: They add, That provision is in great plenty in and about that City, by reason of the great number of Cattel that is daily brought in there from the Enemy.

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